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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Visual Media Presentation for Senate Select
Committee on Intelligence Staffers [REDACTED]

1. At the request of Mr. Edward Levine, Senate Select Committee on Intelligence staffer, a showing of Agency [REDACTED] on 2 September 1987 at 1000 in 219 Hart for Committee staffers. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The staffers who attended all or part of the presentation were Messrs. Edward Levine, John Nelson, Britt Snider, Gary Sojka, James Martin and Christopher Mellon and Ms. Blythe Thomas and Ms. Natalie Bocock. [REDACTED]

2. The films were selected by the staff. [REDACTED]

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4. Mr. Levine noted that there has been an improvement in graphics--however, not as good as he had expected--since he last saw Agency productions approximately four years ago. He suggested the use of three dimensional graphics. In the discussion it was explained that production in Agency films is not considered as important as substance because we are not interested in making the films entertaining. [REDACTED] commented on two problems. The Agency cannot gather its own material; it must use what is available through the television networks, National Geographic, etc.. Also, it is internal policy not to use a "talking heads" format (show narrator reading copy); background shots must be located to complement the narrative. [REDACTED]

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25X1 5. Mr. Mellon commented that he found the film on energy hard to follow and suggested that a format which enumerates and analyzes the important points would be helpful in similar type films. [redacted]

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